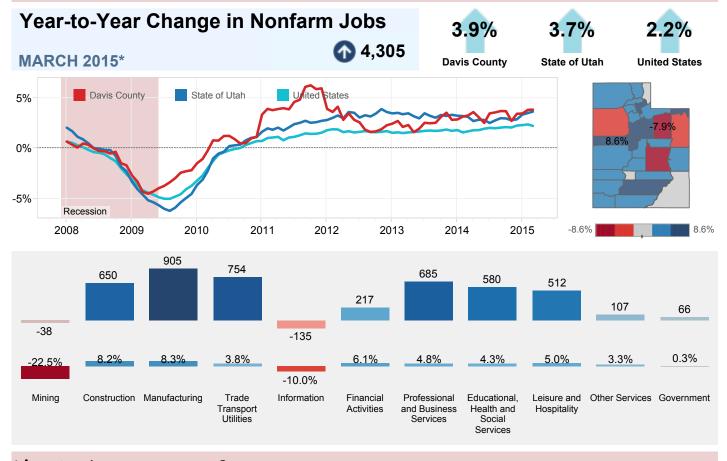
# **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**

## Davis County

**Updated 8/27/2015**Utah Department of Workforce Services



### How's the economy?

Davis County was strong out of the gate in early 2015. Job growth was robust and broad-based. Taxable sales were up 9.5 percent with particular strength in motor vehicles. Unemployment remains low and initial unemployment insurance claims are near pre-recession levels. Overall, the indicators are reaffirming that the long term trajectory of economic performance for the county is positive.

#### Jobs

Davis County added 4,305 new jobs at a year-over rate of 3.9 percent in March 2015, contributing nearly 9 percent of 48 thousand new jobs created in Utah since March 2014.

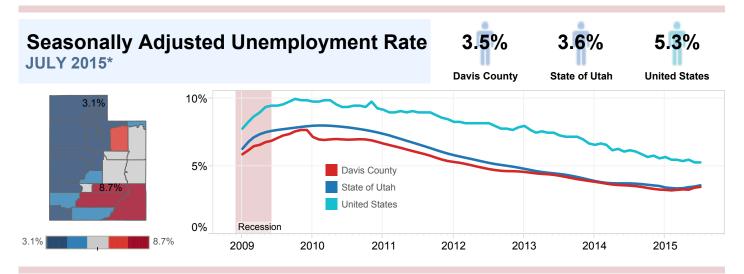


Job growth was broad based across most industries in March 2015 for Davis County. Construction, manufacturing, retail trade, warehousing, accommodations\food services, and private education were all notable contributors.

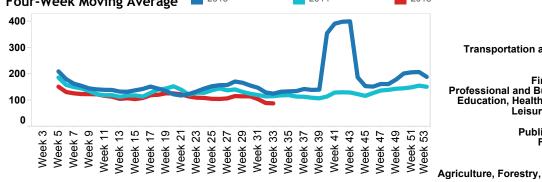


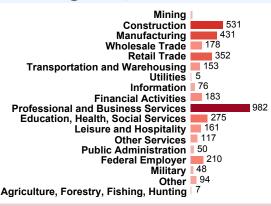
Private education services, in particular, showed impressive growth of more than 18 percent and contributed 8 percent of the total job gains for the county despite accounting for less than 2 percent of total employment.



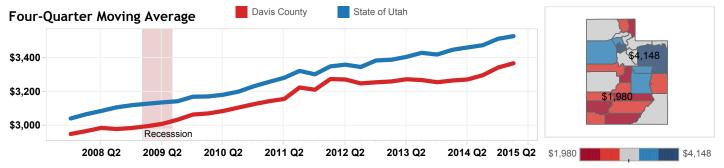


# Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance YTD August 15, 2015 Four-Week Moving Average 2013 2014 2015





### **Average Monthly Wage FIRST QUARTER 2015\***



#### Unemployment and Wages

Davis County's unemployment rate edged up slightly to 3.5 percent in July 2015. This is 0.1 percentage points below the July 2014 rate and slightly below the state average of 3.6 percent.

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Initial claims for unemployment insurance are averaging around 90 per week as of mid-August July 2015 in Davis County. The levels are below pre-recession levels which in 2007 were about 130 per week at the same time of year.

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Davis County wages slowed slightly to 3.0 percent year-over growth in Q1 2015 but is outpacing statewide wage growth of 1.8 percent and at \$3,465 per month is closing the gap on the statewide average of \$3,590.

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Since the recession, wages have been slow to recover, so better-than- average wage growth is welcome news but in Q1 2015 wage gains were relatively concentrated in just a couple of major sectors including finance, and management of companies.

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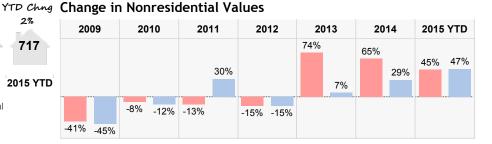
<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary; Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

#### **Construction Permitting JANUARY-JUNE 2015**

Davis County State of Utah

**Dwelling Unit Permits** 

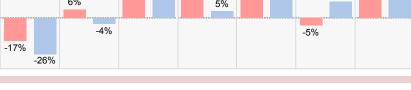




2015 Year-to-Date Values







## **Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales FIRST QUARTER 2015**

Davis County

State of Utah

\$ 9.5%

5.1%



#### Construction and Sales

Residential construction activity picked back up through May 2015, a 7.4 percent YTD increase over 2014. The value of nonresidential construction permits also grew significantly at 68 percent compared to the same time-frame in 2014.



Taxable sales in Davis County accelerated to 9.5 percent year-over in Q1 2015, reaching more than \$1.1 billion.



The retail motor vehicles industry was the largest contributor to growth with more than \$18 million in additional taxable sales compared to Q1 2014.



General merchandise retail stores and wholesale of durable goods were also notable contributors, increasing sales by \$7.8 and \$7.0 million respectively compared to Q1 2014.

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<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary

#### Nonfarm Jobs by Month FIRST QTR 2015\*

January 2015 February 2015 March 2015 Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago % Year-Ago Year-Ago Industry **Total Jobs** Numeric **Total Jobs** Numeric **Total Jobs** Numeric % Change Change % Change Change Change Change Total 113,624 3.5% 3,826 114,744 4.50% 4.946 115,553 3.87% 4,305 20 093 7.3% 8 25% 1.545 20 507 7 99% 1.368 20 270 1.517 **Goods Production** 149 -2.0% -3 133 -12.50% -19 131 -22.49% -38 Mining Construction 8,288 7.1% 8,363 8.04% 622 8,541 8.24% 650 547 Manufacturing 11,656 7.6% 824 11,774 8.70% 942 11,835 8.28% 905 93,531 2 7% 2,458 94,474 3.73% 3,401 95,046 3.02% 2,788 Service Production 20,749 4.2% 834 20,689 3.89% 20,741 3.77% 754 **Trade Transport Utilities** Wholesale Trade 2,646 3.4% 88 2,658 3.91% 100 2,675 3.52% 91 2.8% 2.54% 340 Retail Trade 13,800 375 13,719 2.19% 294 13,749 Transportation and Warehousing 4,190 9.0% 347 4,200 9.29% 357 4,203 7.58% 296 Utilities 113 27.0% 24 112 25.84% 23 114 31.03% 27 -13.7% -10.02% 1.191 -189 1.228 -11.01% -152 1.212 -135 Information **Financial Activities** 3,724 4.7% 167 3,765 5.85% 208 3,762 6.12% 217 Finance and Insurance 2,455 2.8% 68 2,471 3.52% 84 2,473 5.64% 132 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing 1,269 8.5% 99 1.294 10.60% 124 1.289 7.06% 85 2.1% 14,942 4.80% Professional and Business Services 14.720 304 14.884 3.25% 468 685 Professional/Scientific/Techn Srvcs 4.5% 349 5.12% 398 5.60% 435 8.119 8,168 8.199 1.90% 851 0.9% 8 846 0.36% 3 858 16 Management of Companies **Administrative Support/Waste** 5.885 5 750 -0.9% -53 5 870 1 15% 67 4 14% 234 Educational, Health and Social 4.7% 4.33% 13,827 620 13,946 5.60% 739 13,978 580 Services **Educational Services** 2,123 18.1% 326 2,198 22.31% 401 2,193 18.54% 343 **Health Care and Social Services** 11.704 2 6% 294 2.96% 11,785 2 05% 11.748 338 237 Leisure and Hospitality 10,136 5.7% 544 10,410 8.53% 818 10,750 5.00% 512 Arts, Entertainment and Recreation 9.1% 4.60% 1,588 132 1,675 15.04% 219 1,955 86 8 548 5 1% 412 8 735 7 36% 599 8 795 5.09% 426 **Accommodation and Food Services** 3,238 2.6% 81 3,296 4.40% 139 3,356 3.29% 107 Other Services 25,943 0.4% 95 26,253 405 26,302 0.25% 66 Government 1.57% Federal 12,224 0.5% 65 12,241 0.67% 82 12,367 0.75% 92 State 1,005 -2.0% -20 1 030 0.49% 5 1 028 -4 81% -52 12,714 0.4% 50 12,982 2.51% 318 12,907 0.20% 26 Local Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing & 5.40% 5.9% 215 12 324 59.61% 121 332 17 Hunting\*

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data. Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<sup>\*</sup> Not included in total.